

PLEASE SAVE THE WORLD

(By Heather Lake)

DEAR SOLDIER: Hi, my name is Heather. I am 8 years old. But I will be 9 in April 24th. I want to thank you for volenteering to save the world from losing. Please pray to all that have died in your group that have tried to save this world. I hope you do well. Be carefully with the weapons. We are sending things like: Toilet paper, newspaper, pictures, tishuses, chap stick. I hope you do really really well. I hope you get binladin Hussan.

Thank you and win the war.
P.S. Thank you for your time.

OUR FREEDOM FIGHTERS

(By Mrs. Orofino's Fourth Graders)

John F. Kennedy Intermediate School, Deer Park School District, Deer Park, New York
You're our Knights in Shining Armor.
The personnel carriers your steeds and body protection.
Thundering over the desert on toward Baghdad.
You left home and traveled to foreign lands in the name of Freedom.
You crossed thousands of miles,
Leaving your loved ones behind.
You crossed barren lands over hundreds of miles through the desert.
Listening to artillery fire.
Treating Iraqi citizens
With Kindness and Respect.
Thank you for being our heroes, the World's Protectors of Liberty and Justice.
"Let Freedom Ring!"

TO OUR MARINES

(By Jessica Gulotta)

When you are out there in your tanks
I am giving you a special thanks.
I truly trust you. I really do.
Leaving your homes and families too.
Keep your hopes up; it will get you through.
Heroes, Heroes, that's what you are.
You left your homes and traveled far
Off to war, hoping an end will soon come.
Just fight, fight, fight, and then you're done.

HONORING HARRY BLOWEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Harry Blowey and his contributions to this country. Harry began his service to our nation in the 1940s, serving in the Navy in the Pacific theatre during World War II, and today I would like to honor his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Harry was aboard an aircraft carrier, the USS *Bismarck Sea*, during the battle for Iwo Jima when his ship was hit by two Japanese kamikazes. The explosions broke the ship in half, and as the ship sank, Harry lowered himself down a line and jumped into the water, keeping himself afloat for five hours before he was rescued. Harry's ship was the last American aircraft carrier sunk in World War II.

Harry also served as a belly-gunner during the battles for Leyte and Luzon in the Philippine Islands, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Navy and Marine Corps medal for heroism, and three air medals for special com-

bat missions. Now Harry is continuing to serve his country by sharing his story with his neighbors and the Veterans' History Project, ensuring that his experiences will be permanently archived at the U.S. Library of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Harry Blowey for his service to this country. He served selflessly during a time when our country was in great need. His actions have brought great credit to himself and his nation, and his willingness to share his story with posterity will benefit generations to come. Thanks, Harry, for your service to this nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 7, 2003, had I been present for rollcall vote Nos. 109, 110, and 111, I would have voted the following way: Rollcall vote No. 109—"aye"; Rollcall vote No. 110—"aye"; Rollcall Vote No. 111—"aye."

TRIBUTE TO 2003 NCAA CHAMPIONS
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Syracuse University Orangemen. Last night, Syracuse laid claim to the school's first Division I Basketball National Championship after defeating the University of Kansas, 81-78. In addition to the players and coaching staff, many deserve recognition, including school administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, students, and one of the most loyal fan bases in all of collegiate athletics.

Mr. Speaker, as you may know, Syracuse has been to the Final Four before. Last night's championship game proved for Head Coach Jim Boeheim that the third time was the right time as his Orangemen came full circle to defeat a national powerhouse in the Louisiana Superdome, avenging a heartbreaking 1987 loss to Indiana in the same facility. Preparing for a championship match up against a senior-led Kansas team is not an easy task. Jim deserves much credit for his young team's outstanding determination and accomplishment.

Knowing Coach Boeheim personally, I would like to congratulate him here on the House floor. He is Syracuse basketball. Coaching his alma mater for twenty-seven years and being part of Syracuse basketball for more than half his life, this championship is deserved not only for all of Syracuse's supporters and community but for the coach himself. Also deserving praise this afternoon is Head Assistant Coach Bernie Fine and the rest of the Syracuse coaching staff.

Syracuse's championship team was led by Final Four MOP, freshman Carmelo Anthony, with outstanding support from Gerry McNamara, Billy Edelin, Kueth Duany, Hakim Warrick, Craig Forth, Jeremy McNeil, and Josh Pace. This young team demonstrated poise, presence, and pride in their perform-

ance throughout the tournament and all season long.

The Orangemen's win last night certifies that Syracuse is a national college basketball powerhouse. Congratulations to the entire Syracuse University community. We are proud of you.

TRIBUTE TO THE FRIENDS OF
NORRIS COTTON CANCER CENTER**HON. CHARLES F. BASS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions made by the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Whereas the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center began in 1982, when a group of civic-minded citizens, all friends of Senator Norris Cotton, founded an organization to support Norris Cotton Cancer Center, which was established in 1972, through the efforts of Senator Norris Cotton and Dr. Frank Lane.

Whereas the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center have lived up to their stated purpose to promote the welfare of the Cancer Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center during the past two decades.

Whereas the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center have adopted the Audrey Prouty Century Ride & Fitness Walk as its signature fundraiser.

Whereas the Prouty first began 22 years ago when four nurses rode 100 miles through the White Mountains of New Hampshire as a tribute to one patient's courage in her battle with ovarian cancer.

Whereas last year's proceeds from the Prouty enabled Norris Cotton Cancer Center researchers to continue their work assessing a person's genetic risk for cancer, developing new and better medications to fight the disease, and advancing basic science investigations critical to finding a cure for cancer.

Whereas the recent purchase of an Agilent Microarray System, a powerful weapon in the war against cancer, was made possible through the work of the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center has made possible the identification of previously unidentified targets within tumors and the development of novel drugs to attack and hopefully kill these tumors.

Whereas the continued fundraising efforts of the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center through the Prouty and other venues will most assuredly translate into even more discoveries in the search for a cure for cancer.

Therefore I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in extending heartfelt appreciation and admiration to the Friends for their contributions towards the cure for cancer in our lifetime.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY PINO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Sergeant

Jerry Pino and thank him for the contributions he has made to the community police department of Pueblo, Colorado. Jerry recently retired after twenty-five years with the Pueblo police force, and today I would like to honor his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Jerry joined the department in 1978 after leaving the U.S. Marine Corps, and earned his promotion to sergeant in 1994. In the course of his career, Jerry won three commendations for his actions on the job, catching two armed robbery suspects by anticipating their escape route and almost single-handedly unraveling a theft ring. Just this past year, Jerry saved the life of an eighty-four year old woman when he found her collapsed just outside her apartment in freezing weather. As a former police officer myself, I know of the dedicated service, long hours and unrivaled commitment that our law enforcement officers give to their communities. Jerry's twenty-five years of service exemplify this dedication.

Mr. Speaker it is a great privilege to honor Sergeant Jerry Pino and wish him the best as he leaves the Pueblo Police Department. He has been an effective officer and an integral part of the police force for twenty-five years. Jerry, thank you for your dedicated service.

GERRY McNAMARA MAKES NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA PROUD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the key role that Gerry McNamara of Scranton played in the outstanding season of the Syracuse University men's basketball team, culminating in their winning the NCAA championship Monday.

For example, he scored 18 of the team's 81 points in the title game. Clearly, the phrase "just a freshman" does not apply to him, and he certainly earned the honor of being named to the Final Four All-Tournament Team. He was also a unanimous selection to the Big East All-Rookie Team, which is selected by the league's head coaches.

By helping lead his collegiate team to victory, Mr. McNamara is continuing his outstanding record from Bishop Hannan High School, where he set records and led the team as it won the state Class AA championship last year. Before that, he led the Holy Rosary team to a Catholic Youth Organization title in the eighth grade.

Those who know Mr. McNamara's history from Scranton were not at all surprised by how well he has played at the national level.

Mr. Speaker, Gerry McNamara has continued to make Scranton and Northeastern Pennsylvania proud. I expect we will see more great things from this fine young man in years to come, and I send my congratulations to him and his family and friends.

IN HONOR OF KUP'S COLUMN ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article by Steve Neal, a political editor for the Chicago Sun Times. The article, entitled Kup's column turns 60—and still going strong, is about Irv Kupcinec, the greatest and most influential columnist that Chicago has ever had, and one of the most influential columnists in the history of America.

Steve Neal wrote the following:

He is without peer.

Irv Kupcinec, who is celebrating the 60th anniversary of his column, is one of the more durable institutions in the history of American journalism. "Kup's Column," which started in January 1943, is the nation's longest running newspaper column.

"He'll delve into every phase of local enterprise and activity . . . business, politics, nightclubs, the theater, sportsband . . ." the old Chicago Times announced in a house ad. "Intimate, sprightly, his column will be brimming over with names that make news."

In his first item, Kup reported that Irving Berlin berated the cast of his musical revue, "This is The Army," after a published report that they tired of the road tour and wanted to resume their military duties.

Kup also disclosed that state Sen. Abraham Lincoln Marovitz (D-Chicago) was about to enlist in the Marines, and that comedian Joe E. Lewis, who was then performing at the Chez Paree, would soon be embarking for North Africa to entertain U.S. troops.

In looking back, Kup says that first six months of the column were the most difficult. But then he soon found a voice and went on to become one of the nation's more influential columnists.

He has appeared as a character in a Saul Bellow novel and two of Otto Preminger's classic films. Kup is the only living Chicago journalist to have a bridge named after him. The Kupcinec Bridge is on Wabash Avenue over the Chicago River.

His success is no accident. Kup is a man of incredible drive and energy. He is fair, honest, accurate, and has more contacts than anyone else in the newspaper game.

He met with future President Gerald R. Ford when they were teammates on the 1935 College All-Star football team. Kup, a quarterback who played at North Dakota and later for the Philadelphia Eagles, stood behind Ford, a center for the University of Michigan.

"I have a somewhat different view of the president of the United States," Kup later remarked.

"I've always liked Kup," Ford told me in a 1996 interview at his home in Vail, Colo. "He's a good friend and a darned good reporter. One of the best."

Kup loves Jerry Ford. But his favorite president is Harry Truman, whom he met when Truman was about to be nominated for the vice presidency at the 1944 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He gave Kup a card on which he wrote: "Kup, you're entitled to admission, the front door and the back door is always open."

Truman's portrait still hangs behind Kup's desk at the Chicago Sun-Times. Clifton Truman Daniel, the late president's grandson, said Truman felt a bond with the Chicago newsman because "they were both straight shooters and were comfortable with each other."

In the final stretch of the 1948 presidential campaign, when Truman was trailing in the polls, he told Kup: "I'm out slugging doing the best that I can. No man can do more."

Kup may have been the only columnist in America who gave Truman a chance to win. Truman later confided to Kup that the reason he fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War was that MacArthur "wanted to use the atomic bomb against the Chinese."

It was Kup who got the scoop when Truman decided not to seek re-election in 1952. Kup also accurately predicted that Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson would be drafted that year as the Democratic presidential nominee.

At the 1956 Democratic National Convention, Kup noted that the young John F. Kennedy was the "brightest young hope to emerge from the conclave."

Kup championed civil rights in his column and provided a forum for such voices of freedom as the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

When Bill Clinton won the presidency, Kup was among the strongest advocates for lifting the barrier against gays in the military. Kup also supported Truman when he issued his executive order to desegregate the armed services.

Kup is probably more identified with Frank Sinatra, than any other show business personality. A half a century ago, Sinatra won the Academy Award for his role in "From Heaven to Eternity." Kup persuaded Harry Cohn of Columbia Pictures to give Sinatra this part.

It should be noted that Stella Foster, Kup's associate for 34 years, is a major contributor to the success of the column. Kup's late wife, Essee, also was an integral part of the column.

On May 18, a celebration of Kup's 60th anniversary will be held at the Hilton Chicago. The proceeds will go to the Chicago Academy for the Arts. Larry King is scheduled to be the master of ceremonies.

Playboy Chief Executive Officer Christie Hefner and her husband, former state Sen. William A. Marovitz, are cochairing this special event with Kup's grandchildren, David Kupcinec and Kari Kupcinec-Kriser. For more information, call (312) 595-1400.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHARLIE NATHANIEL HALL, SR.

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Charlie Nathaniel Hall, Sr. Mr. Hall was born and raised in my hometown of Newark, New Jersey and has become a very active member within the community.

Attending public schools in Newark, Mr. Hall went on to earn an art degree from the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts, with a concentration in Product Design. While there Mr. Hall was also a member of the Gamma Delta Phi Fraternity and worked part-time in downtown Newark, where he earned the reputation of a "laborer".

Mr. Hall's ability to grasp and handle multiple tasks sent him through the ranks and earned him the Vice-Presidency of Local 108 in 1984. He was eventually elected President of the Local Union in 1989 and served until